

**TIPSS-3 Questions (3rd Set)**  
**RFP No. TIRNO-04-R-00017**

#	Reference	Question	Answer
1	M, Paragraph(s) M.4.2, Page(s) M-4	Would the Government please tell us what specific criteria it will use to establish a "Competitive Range"?	See Sections M.4.1 and M.4.2 in Amendment 1 and the RFP.
2	Amendment 4	Will there be an extension of the proposal due date?	See Section L.25 as revised in Amendment 4.
3	TIPSS-2	Who are the incumbent vendors? That is, which vendors were awarded TIPSS-2 contracts?	Refer to the IRS TIPSS-2 Website. To access this site, follow these instructions: 1) Visit the IRS.gov site at <a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a> or <a href="http://irs.gov">http://irs.gov</a> , 2) Scroll down to the bottom of the IRS.gov home page, click on "Business Opportunities" on the bottom menu bar, 3) On the next page, click on "IRS Procurement", 4) Scroll down the page, click on "Treasury Information Processing Support Services (TIPSS-2)".
4	C.4.6	Section C.4.6, paragraph 11 states that the contractor shall absorb the cost of the background investigations and shall be provided in advance after contract award. Is this required for small businesses as well?	See Section C.4.6 as revised in Amendment 3.
5	Amendment 1	Answer # 39 for L.14.1 says " Add the following two sentences.....", however there is only 1 sentence shown. Is that a typo and there is only 1?	That is a typo and there is only one sentence to be added.
6	M.8	Paragraph M.8 lists the descending order of importance. In what descending order of importance is the Mentor- Protégé Program Participation?	See Section M.8 as revised in Amendment 2.
7	Amendment 1, #37	Section L.13 - PROPOSAL/AWARD RESTRICTIONS so that a large business offeror may not submit a proposal as both a prime and a subcontractor in a task area. It is our belief that the "sister company" of one of our large business subcontractors will submit a proposal as a prime contractor. The two entities are separate companies and have separate P&Ls but carry the same name as their parent company. We ask that the Government define what constitutes a separate business. Would these two entities be allowed to submit proposals?	TIPSS-3 RFP paragraphs H.15, I.2 and L.13 address this question. Please read these paragraphs carefully. Paragraph H.15 address organizational conflicts of interest. Paragraph L.13 places restrictions on Parent/Subsidiary proposals. The RFP Section I.2 (page I-3) includes, by reference, FAR subpart 2.1, Definitions. FAR subpart 2.1, Definitions, defines a "business segment". For the purposes of proposal/award under this RFP, a "business segment" would not be considered a separate entity.

8	Amendment 1	Section L.15.2, Management Approach, originally indicated that you required a briefing format (1 slide per page). Amendment 1 deleted the "1 slide per page" reference, however, it did not clarify whether you require the section to be proposed in descriptive text format or a briefing format. Please clarify.	This decision is left to the discretion of each Offeror. See Sections L.12 and L.15.2 as revised in Amendment 1.
9	L.7, Paragraph 1, Page L-7	Is there a page limit on subcontracting plans if Offerors do not use the outline contained in this section of the RFP? Are there font and point size restrictions applied to subcontracting plans?	It is recommended that offerors use the outlined used in attachment J.5. See Section L.12 in the RFP and as revised in Amendment 1 for font and point size restrictions.
10	L.16.1	Government Instructions in reference to CPFF and T&M costs presentation and accompanying analysis illustrating the cost reasonableness is well understood. Besides proposal evaluation, please clarify if the offered cost will be used to establish cost/price ceilings for similar/same labor categories in subsequent competed Task Orders.	See Section J.15 in the TIPSS-3 RFP.
11	B.2.1, 3.1, 4.1, 5.1 and 6.1, Pgs B-4 to B-12	Sections B.2.1, 3.1, 4.1, 5.1 and 6.1 on pages B-4 through B-12 cite a "Handling Charge _____%" requirement. There may be task order requirements for purchases of items for the IRS that are not incidental to the normal day-to-day contractor material requirements. Please confirm that any required purchases on behalf of the task order requirements (such as software or hardware) shall be provided by the contractor at costing consistent with their accounting system and disclosure statements.	Read TIPSS-3 RFP paragraphs B.1(b), H.4, H.5, and H.12. See Section H.4 as revised in Amendment 1. Also, read Section I, Clauses incorporated by Reference. Clause 52.232-7 covers Payments under Time and Materials. The T&M and CPFF are separate areas of the RFP. The handling charge in the T&M section is fixed and not subject to change without modification of the contract. The handling charge will only apply to T&M orders under which the Government has specifically purchased items. Costs under CPFF task orders will be handled in accordance with applicable contract provisions and clauses, FAR Part 31 and other governing regulations.

12	L.16.1 - Cost/Price Proposal	Please confirm on the CPFF line items the Offeror can include subcontractor efforts on an other than Cost Reimbursable basis. That is, can subcontractors be proposed on these line items on a T&M or Fixed Price basis?	Please see RFP paragraphs B-1(b), H.1, and H.2. See Section H.1 as revised in Amendment 4. Also, RFP Section I, Clauses Incorporated by Reference, covers many of the requirements for subcontract pricing. Among the various clauses that need to be read are clauses 52.215-12, 52.244-2, 52.244-5, and 52.244-6. The T&M and CPFF are separate areas of the RFP and each area requires separate supporting data. FAR 15.404-3(b) requires the prime contractor to conduct appropriate cost or price analyses to establish the reasonableness of proposed subcontract prices and include the results of the analyses in their proposal. For CPFF line items, subcontractor costs can be proposed on any reasonable basis, including T&M or fixed price.
13	J.6	Section J.6, pages J6-1 through J6-6 list labor categories for the CPFF areas. They are not as comprehensive as the T&M lists on pages J6-7 and J6-8. It is understood these CPFF and T&M labor categories are for pricing evaluations only, however, the CPFF lists do not include critical functions such as the Program, Business, or Quality Assurance Managers or Security Specialists. (1) How does or (2) does the IRS want these functions to be addressed in the CPFF cost estimates?	Read TIPSS-3 RFP subparagraph B.1(b) and H.1. See Sections H.1 as revised in Amendment 4, H.5 as revised in amendment 1, and L.16 as revised in Amendments 1 and 4. Also, see RFP paragraphs H.2, H.4, H.5, L.16., L.19, and M.7. The T&M and CPFF are separate areas of the RFP. Each area requires separate supporting data. The T&M rates are fixed and not subject to change without modification of the contract. Supporting data for CPFF line items must be submitted in accordance with the RFP, the FAR subpart 15.4, FAR Part 16, FAR Part 31, and other governing regulations.
14	L.16.3	How will the financial information, cited in section L.16.3, be used in the evaluation process? There was no reference to it in Section M. Is section L.16.3 applicable to small businesses?	A Financial Capability Determination will be made on the financial information submitted by the offerors. All Offerors need to be responsive to the requirements of Section L.16.
15	L.19, Paragraph 1	Attachment J.13 is the Software Development Plan. Does the Government mean Attachment J.12, Certificate of Current Cost or Pricing Data?	Yes, Offerors should make pen and ink changes to their copy of the TIPSS-3 RFP.
16	L.6, Paragraph Table, Page L-7	The table indicates that SF 294 and SF 295 reports must be submitted to the contracting officer, the IRS Small Business Program Office, and the Department of the Treasury Office of Small Business Development. Are these copies considered part of the proposal submission or as a deliverable after contract award?	These are considered part of the proposal submission.

17	I.3.13	Section I.3.13 refers to FAR 52.232-32 and describes how "Performance-Based Payments" will be made. The SOW and Task Order procedures/requirements are silent on this type of tasking. Are there additional details that can be provided to expand on the Governments' potential use of this method?	This will be addressed on a task order by task order basis.
18	L.14.7, Paragraph 1	Many of the Offerors are large businesses with numerous divisions and international offices. Identifying a viable candidate for the small business Mentor-Protégé program who has never worked with any aspect of the Offeror's firm is extremely difficult. Will the Government revise this requirement to state: (2) Has the offeror recently added and received approval for a Mentor-Protégé Agreement with the Department of the Treasury for TIPSS 3 with a small business firm that is new to the IRS.	The section stands as written. See Section L.14.7 as revised in Amendment 1.
19	J, Page(s): J6-1-8	The charts for the CPFF portion and the T&M portion include the following statement: "Note-The labor hours are estimates for pricing evaluation purposes only. The Government does not guarantee they will order labor hours in the amounts stated in the above table." Will the T&M rates proposed be incorporated into the resultant contract?	Yes.
20	Amendment 1	The 1st Set of answers says in answer #17 to "See Sec J.6 as Revised in Amend 1" pertaining to on and off site rates. However, there was no change to J.6 except to correct the hours for the SBE labor category. Please clarify answer	The proper reference for question #17 from the 1st Set of Answers is Section L.16.1 as revised in Amendment 1.
21	L.6, pg L-7	If we are not using subcontractors, must we still submit the SF 294/295 forms?	All large business are required to submit the SF 294 and SF 295 forms.
22	Section B, and J.6	Should the prime contractor submit rates for all subcontractors under the T&M contract? Should the prime contractor submit rates for all subcontractors under the CPFF task orders? If so, should evaluated hours be broken down by prime and subcontractor?	Read TIPSS-3 RFP subparagraph B.1(b) and H.1. See Sections H.1 as revised in Amendment 4, H.5 as revised in Amendment 1, and L.16 as revised in Amendments 1 and 4. Also, see RFP paragraphs H.2, H.4, H.5, L.16., L.19, and M.7. The T&M and CPFF are separate areas of the RFP and each area requires separate supporting data. The T&M rates are fixed and not subject to change without modification of the contract. The RFP, Sections G, H, and I fully address the requirements. Questions regarding specific task order requirements are post-award issues.

23	L-16	Are subcontractors required to state their methodology for deriving labor category rates? If so can they use Watson Wyatt or Mercer or Salary.com to derive rates, since most small businesses will not have experienced all of the labor category rates or have forward pricing rates?	TIPSS-3 RFP Section I, Clauses Incorporated by Reference, covers the requirements for subcontract pricing. Among the various clauses that need to be read are clauses 52.215-12, 52.244-2, 52.244-5, and 52.244-6. FAR 15.404-3(b) requires the prime contractor to conduct appropriate cost or price analyses to establish the reasonableness of proposed subcontract prices and include the results of the analyses in their proposal.
24	Section B	Section B contains rates for T&M type task orders only. How does the government intend awardees to price CPFF and FP type task orders during the period of performance?	Section B of the TIPSS-3 RFP provides for T&M and CPFF, also see Section J.6 for labor categories and hours. FP will be determined on a task order by task order basis.
25	L.12	These instructions indicate that the spine and cover of each binder must contain "Box ___ of ___". Please confirm that the requirement to place "Box ___ of ___" applies only to outside packaging where a box contains proposal volumes and / or information submitted under separate cover.	That is correct.
26	Amendment 1	TIPSS3 Amendment 1, Para 37 a: Referenced para prevents a large prime from bidding as both a prime and a subcontractor on the same primary task areas. The Offeror is in a Treasury approved mentor protege agreement with a large firm that plans on priming all three primary task areas in TIPSS3. The same Offeror will be their sub on their bid. The firm, our mentor, was also going to be a subcontractor on our team with us as a prime also bidding all three primary task areas. Para 37 a seems to clearly prevent our mentor from joining our team. Is the referenced para an error? If not, are you defeating the purpose of the mentor protege program by restricting the ability of a large firm to both prime and sub the same primary task areas?	A large business may be a sub to a business proposing under the SBSA even if the large business is proposing under the F&O in the same task area. Under the F&O portion a large business may not be both a prime and a sub in the same task area. Please refer to paragraph two, sentences three and four of Section L.13.
27	J.8.3, Paragraph 8, Page J8-3; RFP Section L14.4.3, Paragraph 8, Page L-16	Bidders that are not incumbent contractors are unlikely to have a significant percentage of the proposed workforce working together on one or more software development projects that are appropriate for appraisal. Inclusion of this clause will effectively exclude all but the incumbent software development contractors from bidding on this work. (And based on our current plans for an appraisal, this would limit us to bidding about 350 people/year for software development). Is this the Government's intent?	See Section J.8.3 as revised in Amendment 2.

28	Amendment 1	Amendment 0001 correctly refers amended K.17 (b) to J.10 However we believe, the RFP incorrectly refers K.17.c to SEC J-8. Please clarify	See Section K.17 as revised in Amendment 4.
29	C.5.1.2; Paragraph #1	Would the IRS clarify the Business Manager functions and state the person "shall be capable of presenting binding decisions for the company consistent with Government and company contracting policies and procedures." ?	Section C.5.1.2 states "The Business Manager(s) is a senior manager responsible for coordinating the management of all administrative and contractual functions for the contract and shall be capable of negotiating and making binding decisions for the company."
30	L.14.4.3, Pg L-15	Since the requirement for this RFP is to submit SCAMPI information for a CMMI Level 2 organization, is training in Intermediate Concepts of CMMI really required?	See Section L.14.4.3 as revised in Amendment 2.
31	C.4.13, paragraph 1 and Section J.8	As a small business subcontractor on the existing TIPSS II contract, the Offeror is experienced in using the IRS CMMI processes and procedures. Since contractors working on TIPSS II software development activities must use the IRS mandated CMMI processes and procedures instead of their own which typically includes the use of unique tools that are not necessarily available at the IRS, it appears that experience in the IRS CMMI processes and procedures should be accepted as an alternative to actual certification. This is especially true for small businesses. Please demonstrate experience in IRS CMMI processes and procedures as an alternative to actual certification for small businesses	CMMI-SW Level 2 validated through a SCAMPI Class A, at this time is the requirement. Small Businesses have the option of waiting until after contract award to submit SCAMPI results.
32	entire RFP	Throughout the RFP there are references to the CMMI Staged Representation. Is Equivalent Staging acceptable?	The requirement is for CMMI-SW Level 2 in the Staged Representation, validated through a SCAMPI Class A. An organization may choose to implement CMMI using the Continuous Representation, but must still be appraised at CMMI-SW Level 2 in the Staged Representation to meet the TIPSS-3 CMMI requirement.

33	C.4.13 Paragraph 2 Page 17	We interpreted this to mean: "In cases where a subcontractor has not undergone an independent CMMI appraisal, it is acceptable for the subcontractor to develop software under this contract, provided that either 1) employees of the subcontractor participate on an Integrated Project Team (IPT) that is managed in accordance with the prime contractor's CMMI-compliant policies and procedures or 2) the subcontractor staff may work as an independent team, using the prime contractor's CMMI-compliant asset set and subject to all training requirements and process audits established by the prime." Is our interpretation correct?	If the sub is not CMMI-SW Level 2 compliant, then the sub must follow the Prime Contractor's policies and procedures.
34	C4.13, Paragraph 1 Page 14	Please clarify whether or not task orders related to services will also have to be compliant?	Any task order that includes any segment of software development must be compliant.
35	H.39, Paragraph b, Page H-26	Is a software capability rating of Level 2 or higher under SEI's CMMI for Systems Engineering and Software Engineering (CMMI-SE/SW, V1.1) an acceptable equivalent?	The Offeror must meet the minimum requirement, which is CMMI-SW Level 2. Since CMMI-SE/SW includes the CMMI-SW requirements, a CMMI-SE/SW rating of Level 2 or higher is also acceptable.
36	H.39, Paragraph f, Page H-27	Historically, the prime contractor has conducted SCE or SCAMPI appraisals approximately every 18 months to satisfy the requirement for substantiating its current software capability rating. Will this frequency be acceptable under the TIPSS-3 contract?	For the purposes of the TIPSS-3 solicitation, the requirement is 12 months. Post Award requirements will be provided to all Offerors that are awarded a contract.
37	J.7, Paragraph (a)6 (c), Page 2	Is a CMMI ® Appraisal Method for Process Improvement (SCAMPI), typically used for CMMI appraisals, an acceptable substitute? This is suggested in other paragraphs, including J.7(a)3.	SCAMPI Class A is the only acceptable appraisal method to satisfy TIPSS-3 requirements.
38	J8.2, Paragraph 2, Page J8-1; RFP Section L14.4.3, Paragraph 2, Page L-14	Please define the term "first day of the on-site period to the proposal due date". Also, how does this requirement interact with the statement in paragraph C.4.13 that "Contractors that receive awards in any task area as a large business (competitive process) shall provide evidence of CMMI level 2 rating by November 29, 2004."	For the purposes of the CMMI requirement 11-29-04 is the proposal due date. Therefore, the first day of the on-site period must not be earlier than 11-29-03.
39	L.14.4.3	Since the IRS requirement is for the CMMI Level 2 would the Government consider deleting this requirement, or modifying it such that not "all" team members are required to attend the course given that this is only a requirement for Levels 4 and 5 and not for Levels 2 and 3?	For "Team Members" Introduction to CMMI training is the training requirement. SCAMPI Lead Assessors must complete all required training based on SEI's SCAMPI Lead Assessors training curriculum.

40	J.8.3, Paragraph 10, Page J8-3; RFP Section L.14.4.3, Paragraph 10, Page L-16	It is assumed that the CMMI Level 2 process areas, "Requirements Management, Project Planning, Project Monitoring and Control, Supplier Agreement Management, Measurement and Analysis, Process & Product Quality Assurance, and Configuration Management" are acceptable substitutes. Is this correct?	The CMMI-SW Level 2 process areas are "Requirements Management, Project Planning, Project Monitoring and Control, Supplier Agreement Management, Measurement and Analysis, Process & Product Quality Assurance, and Configuration Management". The requirement is for CMMI-SW Level 2 in the Staged Representation, validated through a SCAMPI Class A.
41	C.4.13, Page C-14; and Section L, Paragraph L.14.4.2, Page L-14	The Government has required certification at SEI CMMI Level 2 by November 29, 2004 under this contract. This contractor is currently certified at SEI CMM Level 3. Since the SEI CMM 3 certification covers most of the requirements of the CMMI Level 2 certification and in many areas is more stringent (CMM has 13 Process areas vs. 7 for CMMI), this contractor would like to leverage our current certification and move directly to SEI CMMI level 3. Unfortunately, we are unable to meet the November 29th date for a SEI CMMI Level 3 certification. Would the Government revise the certification date to allow for a later date, suggest June, 2005, if SEI CMM 3 is currently in place and transition to SEI CMMI Level 3 is in process?	Only Small Businesses have the option to delay CMMI-SW Level 2 submission. If bidding for Full and Open, CMMI-SW Level 2 submission due date is 11-29-04.
42	C.4.13 Compliance to CMMI Standards	The Government's states "It is mandatory that all Contractors who are awarded task orders for any activity related to software development for the IRS comply with the IRS policy for CMMI compliance." A) Please specify which of the three TASK Areas will have to comply with the CMMI certification (it appears to this Offeror that only the ISS Principle Task Area would qualify as being required for CMMI standards).	Any task order that includes any segment of software development must be compliant. This applies to all Task Areas.



43	L.14.4.3, paragraph 1, page L-16	<p>The requirement states that “all appraisal team members were SEI trained and certified in the Introduction to the CMMI (Staged Representation) course and Intermediate Concepts of CMMI.”</p> <p>The SEI requirement for appraisal team member training in the Introduction to the CMMI accepts Staged Representation or Continuous Representation, and does not require the Intermediate Concepts of CMMI. Since the RFP requirement exceeds the SEI requirement for appraisal team training we request that the Government accept the SEI requirement for appraisal team training or remove this requirement altogether since the RFP requirements could be in conflict with evaluators and/or their organization training requirements.</p>	<p>For "Team Members" Introduction to CMMI training (Staged or Continuous Representation) is the training requirement. SCAMPI Lead Assessors must complete all required training based on SEI's SCAMPI Lead Assessors training curriculum.</p>
44	J.8.3, L.14.4.3	<p>Since the SEI neither requires nor recommends that people take both the staged and continuous versions of the Introduction to the CMMI classes in order to participate on an appraisal team, please confirm that training in the continuous representation is acceptable.</p>	<p>Any version (Staged or Continuous) of the Introduction to CMMI training course will be accepted.</p>
45	L.14.4, Page(s) L-14, C.4.13	<p>Can a small business (that is currently CMM level 2 certified) that is bidding in the full and open competition use their CMM Level 2 certification instead of obtaining a CMMI Level 2 certification?</p>	<p>No, proposing under Full and Open will be subject to the same terms and conditions as large businesses. Only CMMI-SW Level 2 is acceptable.</p>
46	J.8.1, J.8.2, L.14.4.2	<p>How does a small business (that is currently CMM level 2 certified) that is bidding in the full and open competition initiate the external (Standard CMMI Appraisal Method for Process Improvement(sm) (SCAMPI(sm)) examination in order to collect the SCAMPI data to submit in Volume I of the TIPSS 3 Proposal as required by section L.14.4.?</p>	<p>It is recommended that you go to SEI's website to obtain additional information on SCAMPI and the CMMI.</p>
47	H.39.b, Pg H-26; and Par L.14.4.1, Pg L-14;	<p>Should Offerors who are SEI CMM rated submit the SCE assessment materials instead of the SCAMPI results as specified in section L as proof of the Offeror's commitment to quality software processes?</p>	<p>SCAMPI Class A is the only acceptable appraisal method to satisfy TIPSS-3 requirements.</p>

48	CMMI	We would like to confirm that all the IRS requires at proposal submission for CMMI Level 2 compliance is a letter of intent acknowledging the CMMI requirement in accordance with RFP Section L.14.4.2. All CMMI verification and compliance data, including SCAMPI results, may be submitted after the initial proposal, but before November 29, 2004. Is this correct?	For Full and Open, this is an accurate interpretation.
49	CMMI	Also, regardless of firm size, is it absolutely necessary that a bidding firm possess CMMI certification, if it does not intend to pursue software engineering Task Orders under the TIPSS-3 vehicle? Does lack of CMMI certification preclude a firm from submitting a bid under TIPSS-3 altogether, even if it is currently CMM-certified?	For Full and Open, it is mandatory that Offerors propose in the ISS task area, which includes software engineering and integrated support. Only Small Business can defer CMMI certification until after contract award.
50	C.4.13, Page C-14; and Section L, Paragraph L.14.4.2, Page L-14	The Government has required certification at SEI CMMI Level 2 by November 29, 2004 under this contract. The Government has indicated that the anticipated award date for this contract is now June of 2005. Can the Government extend the deadline for the certification to June 2005 to allow more time for certification?	The date for submitting CMMI-SW Level 2 materials will remain 11-29-04.
51	J.8.3, Bullet Item #6, Page(s) J8-3	Section J.8.3 of the RFP discusses CMMI Level 2 validation, yet many of the activities described are for CMM Level 2 activities. Will the validation be conducted on CMMI Level 2 criteria or CMM Level 2 criteria?	The CMMI-SW Level 2 process areas are "Requirements Management, Project Planning, Project Monitoring and Control, Supplier Agreement Management, Measurement and Analysis, Process & Product Quality Assurance, and Configuration Management". The requirement is for CMMI-SW Level 2 in the Staged Representation, validated through a SCAMPI Class A.
52	J8-2 and J8-3	1a) Can a contractor substitute a CMMI Level 3 capability, using the continuous model, for the CMMI Level 2 capability, using the staged model? 1b) If SCAMPI results demonstrating Level 3 capability are conducted (by an official independent assessor) by evaluating only one company project, is this acceptable for performing software development task orders?	1a) Only the staged model will be accepted. 1b) Amendment 2 removes the requirement of 20% of the organization and 3 projects.

53	Amendment 1, #27	<p>1. Please explain why the response to Question #27 uses a date of November 29, 2003 and not August 18, 2003?</p> <p>2. Can the Government confirm that November 29, 2004 is the required date for submission of SCAMPI data required by the TIPSS-3 RFP, and that data is associated with a SCAMPI conducted no earlier than August 18, 2003?</p> <p>3. If one is currently in compliance with PARM requirements for another IRS contract (TIPSS-2) and has schedule SCAMPI A to be completed in Feb. '05 to maintain this compliance, please explain why this is not acceptable for the TIPSS-3 Proposal?</p> <p>4. If the answer to #2 is that it is not acceptable, how does this not require the bidder to have multiple assessments on the same organization due to different IRS contracts?</p>	<p>1 and 2) CMMI submissions are due 11-29-04 therefore, the on-site reviews can not commence prior to 11-29-03. 3) For the purposes of TIPSS-3, only CMMI-SW Level 2 is acceptable and the CMMI submission must be submitted by 11-29-04. 4) If you have a CMMI-SW Level 2 SCAMPI conducted for the purposes of meeting the TIPSS-3 requirements, that same assessment could be submitted to meet the PARM requirements.</p>
54	I.3.1.c	<p>Can the Government give guidance as to how to complete Section 1.3.1.c? We have been validated for SEI CMM Level 2. We can complete "Offeror's Name". We request clarification on how to complete the other items: Manufacturer's Name, Source's Name, Item Name, Service Identification, and Test Number.</p>	<p>Amendment 1 deletes the requirement to provide this information regarding CMMI.</p>
55	CMMI	<p>Do you need CMMI certification for the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Web Design development and support</li> <li>- System Integration and Testing support</li> <li>- Requirement Analysis Support</li> </ul>	<p>Yes, you need CMMI certification for these areas.</p>
56	Section J, Paragraph 9, Page J9-1 and J9-2	<p>This section appears to require contractors to use the ELC or ELC Lite methodologies. If this is so, then this would invalidate the need for contractors to obtain CMMI Level 2 if they are to follow the IRS processes. Please clarify.</p>	<p>(A) CMMI-SW Level 2 validated through a SCAMPI Class A is a requirement. Use of the ELC or ELC Lite methodologies cannot be submitted as an alternative to this requirement. (B) These Sections provide information on the life cycle methodologies currently in use by the Department of Treasury and its Bureaus. Our requirement states that Offerors provide information on their CMMI Level 2 life cycle methodology, but not that the Offeror specifically utilize our examples as provided in J.9.</p>

57	Section C.4.10.2, Paragraph (all), Page C-12, Section C.5.1, Paragraph (All), Pages C-15-18	If we wish to propose someone as a Key Person for one of the Corporate Area personnel, and that person has extensive experience but does not meet the education requirements, we assume that we can use the C.4.10.2 Qualification Waiver provisions and propose that person. We also assume that it is sufficient to indicate on the resume itself (and no where else) that we are requesting this waiver and state why. Is our assumption correct? Also, would the government consider 6 years of relevant experience to substitute for an Undergraduate Degree?	No, the Qualification Waiver provisions found in Section C.4.10.2 apply to personnel identified at the task order level, not Corporate area personnel. Section C.7.1.1 allows an Offeror to request a waiver substituting experience for education requirements on a case by case basis.
58	C.5.2; Paragraph #1	Section C.5.2 states there is no reimbursement for local travel costs if work is at a Government site. This requirement is understood if the Government site is the local primary task work location. Many times there are meetings and local travel required between Government sites both inside and outside the D.C. area or Contractor sites. These types of local travel have been reimbursed under TIPSS-2. Please confirm that continuation of this approach is intended to apply to TIPSS-3.	Section C.5.2 states that Contractor personnel required to work at a Government site will receive no reimbursement for expenses to commute back and forth to their primary Government work site. If the Contractor personnel is required to attend meetings in other local offices other than the one designated as their primary work site, those travel expenses are allowable for reimbursement.
59	C.7.2; J6; B.2.1, Paragraphs C.7.2 1st, Pages N/A; J6-7 and 8; B-4	The Section C paragraph states that the labor categories listed below "shall encompass skill levels within each..." The paragraph also states "Consideration shall be given to each..." As Section J6 only has hours for one level skill level and Section B.2.1 contains only one CLIN for each labor category, would the Government please clarify the pricing requirement in reference to the SOW requirement?	See Section C.7.2 as revised in Amendment 1.
60	C & H, Paragraph(s) C.4.7 & H.41 , Page(s) C-10 & H-30	Section C, para c.4.7 – Reassignment and Replacement of Contractor Personnel – "...shall replace the personnel in question within fifteen (15) working days." Section H, para H.41 Replacement Personnel – "...provide a replacement within five days." Which is correct?	The provisions of C.4.7 and H.41 are both correct. C.4.7 deals with personnel replaced for cause and H.41 deals personnel replaced for unauthorized use of IRS IT Resources.

61	C, Paragraph(s) C.5.1 ,Page(s) C-15	Although the Government states that the Project Manager is key to a given task order, the Project Manager is called out as part of key personnel in the corporate area. Would the Government please clarify?	The corporate level (Key Management Personnel) Project Manager oversees all projects being performed by his/her company even though there may be a Project Manager at the Task Order level. Corporate Project Managers may make binding decisions on behalf of the company. Task Order level Project Managers can only make decisions at the task order level. Corporate level key personnel are not tied to any particular task and are regarded as overhead. There is one overall key personnel project manager, then there will be another different person assigned as a project manager to each individual task order.
62	L, Paragraph(s) L.15 , Page(s) L-18	Based on this language, are we correct in assuming that if an Offeror submits a proposal for all three task areas, all three areas should be included in a single Volume II?	See Section L.15 as revised in Amendment 4.
63	L, Paragraph(s) L.15.3, Page(s) L-20	To best illustrate our skills across the three Task Areas, we anticipate submitting a mixture of contract-level and TO-level citations that demonstrate appropriate relevance. Does this approach meet the Government's expectation?	Yes.
64	L, Paragraph(s) L15.2 para 6 , Page(s) L-20	Would the government consider increasing the page limit for the above major section to 30 pages. To accurately describe all sub-topics in paragraph L.15.4 with sufficient detail, and to substantiate each, may increase the risk of differentiating properly during the evaluation process.	No, the page limitations will not change.
65	C.4.1 (I), Page C-6; and Paragraph C.4.11, Pages C-12	Since procuring items, hardware and software, is only included as integral to a task order, are the items requested under C.4.11 only service related products? Please clarify.	TIPSS-3 will primarily be used for the acquisition of information processing support services. The Government will utilize other contractual vehicles for the primary acquisition of hardware and software. If a TIPSS-3 contractor requires some specific piece of hardware and/or software to complete a task for the Government, the contractor shall identify such hardware and software to the Government, and the Government will determine if the items are required and authorized. Depending on the nature of the services being required by the Government at the task order level, the provisions of Section C.4.11. may be determined to be applicable.

66	L.15.4.5, Page L-26	Paragraph L.15.4.4 states: "The Offeror shall describe their organizational structure as required below and lines of authority as they pertain to this particular effort. This description shall, at a minimum, describe the current personnel base and provide an organizational chart and supporting documentation." Please provide more detail on the "supporting documentation" that is required with this section.	The Government is looking for any information that the Offeror deems necessary and relevant to fully describe its organizational structure.
67	L.15.3.1, Paragraph(s) 1, Page(s) L-22:	Can a project profile be used for more than one task area? That is, if a project profile is highly relevant to the Information Systems Services Principle Task Area and to the Systems Security Services area, can we present the same Project Profile for both?	Yes. However, the Offeror is responsible for ensuring that the project profiles submitted for each principle task area's proposal fully comply with the requirements of Sections L.15.3, L.15.3.1, L.15.3.2, and L.15.3.3.
68	RFP Section L, Paragraph L.15.5, Page L - 27.	Resumes are required to include "approximate number of total class hours." Is the number of class hours required for both short-term instruction and for bachelors and graduate degrees from accredited colleges and universities?	The resume should include the total number of hours required to obtain a degree and /or certifications for all courses of study cited in the resume.
69	Section L.15.5 Page L-27	While we understand the value to the IRS that the Program Manager, Business Manager, and Quality Assurance Manager positions are filled by prime contractor employees, can the Project Managers be other than prime contractor employees?	Key Management Personnel must be employees of, or, must be available for use by the Prime Offeror at the time of contract award. See Section L.15.5 in the TIPSS-3 RFP and as revised in Amendment 1.
70	L.15.4.5.1	The government's request for numbers of full-time and temporary employees by labor category across the prime and all subcontractors will require at least a full page of the management plan. Because this space represents almost 10% of the entire plan and because much of this information is also available through the cost volumes, would the government consider either (a) increasing management plan page-count to accommodate, (b) accepting the information outside of page-count (e.g., as an attachment), or (c) removing the requirement.	Section L.12 states that "fold outs for complete spread sheets and/or organization charts are permissible up to 11" x 17", with printing on only one side, if secured within the volume." The requirements set forth in L.15.4.5.1 remain unchanged.
71	L.16.1	Section L.16.1 contains two paragraphs, not three. Please confirm that the instruction is to delete paragraph two which begins "The Offeror shall clearly state their methodology ....	The correct instruction is to delete paragraph two which begins, "The Offeror shall clearly state their methodology...".

72	Amendment 1, # 41 and #48	The response to Question #41 states: "See Sections L.12 (c) and L.15.4 as revised in Amendment 1." The response to Question #48 states: "See Section L.15.4, 4th paragraph as revised in Amendment 1." Amendment 0001 does not contain any updates for Section L.15.4. Please provide the modified Section L.15.4	Section L.15.4 has not been amended. The proper response to question #41 should have been "See Section L.15.2, 4th paragraph as revised in Amendment 1.". The proper response to question #48 should have been ""See Section L.15.4.".
73	Amendment 1, Question 45 in the 1st set.	Is it the intent that project profiles must reflect work done only on individual projects or task orders, rather than an entire contract? Limiting project profiles to individual task orders makes it virtually impossible to meet the relevancy requirement stated in Section L.15.3 for "multiple task order environment" and "dedicated project/program management office." This requirement also would make it much more difficult to meet the following factors: minimum level of effort or task value, requirement that work be performed in multiple geographic locations, that one individual task include knowledge and skill with the many hardware/software/systems listed in Section J, and that the individual task can demonstrate experience in a comprehensive range of the SOW areas for the functional area being bid.	Work performed under an entire contract can be cited within the description of a project profile. However, if the Offeror uses an IDIQ contract as the profile, the Offeror must state the name of the specific projects or Task Orders that the work supported and describes.